

REMARKS

The present application includes pending claims 1-32, all of which have been rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1, 12, 23 and 28 have been amended. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claim rejections.

Claims 1-7, 10-18, 21-25 and 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 7,065,778 ("Lu"). Claims 8, 9, 19, 20, 26, 27, 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lu in view of United States Patent No. 6,963,358 ("Cohen"). The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reasons previously discussed during prosecution and the following:

I. Lu Does Not Anticipate Claims 1-7, 10-18, 21-25 And 28-30

Claim 1, as amended, recites the following:

A system providing search functionality to support the exchange and consumption of media **among a group of users and administered by a member of the group of users**, the system comprising:

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a first storage in the first home that stores the media; the first storage supporting consumption of the media by the first television display, and having a first network protocol address associated with a first user;

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a second storage supporting consumption of the media by the second television display in the second home, and having ~~an~~ associated a second network protocol address associated with a second user; and

search software that receives a request comprising user defined search criteria and one of the first and second associated network protocol addresses, the first and second associated network protocol addresses representing members of a **self-**

administered group of users, where the **self-administered group of users** is defined based on authorization by **the member of the group of the users**, and responds by identifying media **currently** stored on at least one of the first and second storage, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria.

On the other hand, Lu “relates to the field of utilizing personalized video recorders and other similar types of devices to distribute television programming.” *See* Lu at column 1, lines 7-11. In particular, Lu discloses a system in which a user is able to record a show that is transmitted in another broadcast area. *See id.* at Abstract.

For example, Lu describes the following:

Specifically, personalized video recorder 200 is coupled to the Internet 302 such that it can receive an electronic programming guide (EPG) containing worldwide television programming from an EPG server computer 304. The user of personalized video recorder 200 utilizes the EPG to request delivery of a specific television show that may not be available to him or her. Upon reception of the request from personalized video recorder 200, EPG server computer 304 locates via Internet 302 one or more personalized video recorders... situated within a broadcast region of the requested television show. Subsequently, EPG server computer 304 programs one or more personalized video recorders... to record the requested television show when it is broadcast by a television content provider.... Once the personalized video recorders... record the television show, one or more of the personalized video recorders may transmit it to EPG server computer 304 which then transmits it to the requested personalized video recorder 200. In this manner, the present embodiment enables personalized video recorder 200 to order and receive specific television shows that are unavailable from its television content provider....

Lu at column 6, lines 39-61. Thus, Lu discloses a system in which a user sends a recording request that is received by a server computer via the Internet. The server computer then **arbitrarily** finds a recorder within the broadcast region of the show, and then sends the recorded show back to the requesting user. Lu merely discloses that a user of a PVR requests delivery of a

specific television show, at which point a server computer arbitrarily locates another PVR in a particular broadcast area to record the show for the requesting PVR.

Lu does not describe, teach, or suggest, however, “A system providing search functionality to support the exchange and consumption of media **among a group of users and administered by a member of the group of users,**” as recited in claim 1. Further, Lu does not describe, teach or suggest the first and second associated network protocol addresses representing members of a **self-administered group of users**, where the **self-administered group of users** is defined based on authorization by **the member of the group of the users**, and responds by identifying media **currently** stored on at least one of the first and second storage, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria,” as recited in claim 1. Independent claims 12, 23 and 28 have also been amended to recite similar limitations. Thus, for at least these reasons, Lu does not anticipate claims 1, 12, 23, 28 or any of the claims that depend therefrom.

II. The Proposed Combination Of Lu And Cohen Does Not Render Claims 8, 9, 19, 20, 26, 27, 31 And 32 Unpatentable

The Applicants next turn to the rejection of claims 8, 9, 19, 20, 26, 27, 31 and 32 as being unpatentable over Lu in view of Cohen. The Applicants respectfully submit that this proposed combination of references does not render claims 8, 9, 19, 20, 26, and 27 unpatentable for at least the reason discussed above.

III. Conclusion

In general, the Office Action makes various statements regarding claims 1-32 and the cited references that are now moot in light of the above. Thus, the Applicants will not address such statements at the present time. However, the Applicants expressly reserve the right to challenge such statements in the future should the need arise (e.g., if such statement should become relevant by appearing in a rejection of a pending or future claim).

The Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed above. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees, or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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